

Appln No. 10/029,663

Reply to Office action of December 29, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Final Rejection dated December 29, 2003, has been reviewed and the comments carefully considered. As a preliminary matter, Applicant notes that the papers referred to in the Rejection as filed on August 18, 2003, were actually timely filed on August 13, 2003.

In the Office action, various issues and questions are raised concerning the description of the variety. By the amendments in the accompanying Substitute Specification, Applicant has made a bona fide effort to address all issues and questions.

In view of the foregoing amendment and response, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and, accordingly, reconsideration and allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any questions remain regarding the allowability of the application, Applicant would appreciate if the Examiner would advise the undersigned by telephone.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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